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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PINS, SHUM, UY
SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: RECENT POLITICAL ARRESTS IN URUGUAY
REF: A) STATE 262472, B) MONTEVIDEO 3272, C) MONTEVIDEO 3613
1. PURSUANT TO REF A) INQUIRY, AND IN ADDITION TO ARRESTS OF BLANCO PARTY MEMBERS REPORTED IN REF B), EMBASSY IS AWARE OF SEVERAL RECENT ROUND-UPS INVOLVING MEMBERS OF PCU (COMMUNIST PARTY), THE UJC (COMMUNIST YOUTH MOVEMENT), THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED BANK WORKERS' UNION AND A FEW OTHERS NOT FITTING INTO ANY IDENTIFIABLE PATTERN. IN ALL, PERHAPS MORE THAN 100 PERSONS WERE DETAINED, OF WHOM ABOUT 60 PER CENT WERE RELEASED AFTER A FEW DAYS OF QUESTIONING. THE REST WILL PRESUMABLY BE BOUND OVER FOR TRIAL. [redacted] BI ED

-- ARRESTS FOLLOWED OLD PATTERN OF SUDDEN APPEARANCE BY SECURITY FORCES AT ODD HOURS OF DAY OR NIGHT, WITH SUBJECT BEING TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN PLACE OF DETENTION FOR QUESTIONING.
-- TREATMENT OF PRISONERS WAS HARSH, INCLUDING IN SOME

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CASES HOODING FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME, BUT NO CASES OF PHYSICAL TORTURE HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE EMBASSY.
-- IF QUESTIONING CONCERNED POSSIBLE CRIMES OF ANOTHER PERSON, OR IF AUTHORITIES WERE CONVINCED THAT DETAINEE WAS NOT HIMSELF INVOLVED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, HE WAS USUALLY RELEASED WITHIN 15 DAYS, FEARFUL BUT UNHARMED.
-- IF DETAINEE WAS SUSPECTED OF DIRECT SUBVERSIVE INVOLVEMENT, THE INVESTIGATORY PERIOD WHEN DETAINEES ARE KEPT INCOMMUNICADO WAS EXTENDED IN SOME CASES. IN OTHER CASES, HOWEVER, CONFIRMATION OF ARREST WAS RELEASED TO FAMILY MEMBERS AND TO THE PRESS RELATIVELY EARLY. (AT THIS STAGE THE PRISONER CAN BE VISITED BY HIS FAMILY AND RECEIVE LEGAL ASSISTANCE.) THE LONGEST INCOMMUNICADO PERIOD REPORTED IN THIS SERIES OF ARRESTS IS 10 WEEKS.
2. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF URUGUAYANS WHOSE ARRESTS WERE REPORTED IN LOCAL DAILIES DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1978. (ARRESTS OF ALLEGED UJC MEMBERS RODRIGUEZ VILLAFAN, LAURENZO PONS AND VARELA ESPONDA WERE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT IN

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REF C).):
A. ALLEGED MEMBERS OF PCU:
FREDDY ENRIQUE PALMER RODRIGUEZ; BORN 14 JANUARY 37
CELSO MANUEL RODRIGUEZ FONTENLA; BORN 18 FEBRUARY 45
DALMIRO VALERIO MANUEL DOS SANTOS; BORN 14 JUNE 39
MILTON RAUL GONZALEZ RIOS; BORN 4 FEBRUARY 41
DAVID ALVERTO CALLEROS PAECHE; BORN 26 JUNE 31
HEBERT LUIS ALONSO BOCS; BORN 24 NOVEMBER 46
JOSE LUIS SILVA SILVA; BORN 30 MAY 53
NILDA IGLESIAS RECHI DE ROVIRA; BORN 7 MAY 27
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NANCY TRAIBER DE LEIBNER; BORN 12 OCTOBER 38
LEONARDO RAMIRO FAILACHE LENZI; BORN 17 JUNE 48
B. ALLEGED MEMBERS OF UJC:
FERNANDO BRUM ESTAPE; 23 YEARS OLD
OMAR CESAR RODRIGUEZ VILLAFAN; BORN 16 DECEMBER 42
FRANCISCO ANTONIO LAURENZO PONS; BORN 17 JUNE 45
PEDRO VARELA ESPONDA
HUMBERTO HECTOR MARINO RODRIGUEZ BATISTA; 50 YEARS OLD
C. OTHER ALLEGED SUBVERSIVES:
GUSTAVO LUIS MARIA SCHROEDER OROZCO; BORN 17 JANUARY 53
MIGUEL ANGEL FERNANDEZ GALEANO; BORN 5 DECEMBER 52
D. PERSONS ARRESTED FOR VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS OF PAROLE:
SONIA VIVIAN JAVIER ACOSTA DE AMOROS; BORN 20 NOVEMBER 51
MARIA DEL PILAR VALVERDE GONZALEZ DE PIOTTI; BORN 17 JULY 48
ANTONIO ASCENCIO MADRID; BORN 22 SEPTEMBER 44
3. OTHER CASES KNOWN TO EMBASSY [redacted] B1 ED

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ARA FOR DAS GUZMAN
JUAN BAUTISTA HERNANDEZ CAVALLO; BORN 3 NOVEMBER 33;
ARRESTED 1 SEPTEMBER 78; BANK WORKERS' UNION
ATILIO HEBER RODRIGUEZ BENTANCOR; BORN 13 MAY 30;
ARRESTED 3 SEPTEMPER 78
MANUEL MEDINA CARABALLO; ARRESTED 20 SEPTEMBER 78
LUIS EDUARDO BARRIOS RODRIGUEZ; BORN 3 OCTOBER 40;
ARRESTED 24 AUGUST 78; BANK WORKERS' UNION
BLANCA LUZ MEMEMDEZ MARINO; BORN 17 AUGUST 54;
ARRESTED 29 AUGUST 78
ALFREDO LE BAS BARBEROUSSE; BORN 6 OCTOBER 57;
ARRESTED 30 AUGUST 78
LEANDRO MOREIRA FRANCIS; BORN 23 AUGUST 44;
ARRESTED 28 AUGUST 78
OSCAR RAUL LISTA LIVERO; BORN 9 MARCH 47;
ARRESTED 25 AUGUST 78
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VICTOR HUGO ARISTONDO MARTIN; BORN 28 SEPTEMBER 59;
ARRESTED 5 SEPTEMBER 78
FRANCISCO NUNEZ GUGLIELMI; BORN 17 SEPTEMBER 54;
ARRESTED 4 SEPTEMBER 78
JAIME BUGARIN SAINZ; BORN 4 SEPTEMBER 44;
ARRESTED 1 SEPTEMBER 78; BANK WORKERS' UNION
MARY SUSANA KEVEDAS PEREZ DE SARDINA;
ARRESTED 5 SEPTEMBER 78
IVAN REGULO LEONELLI SOZARO; BORN 29 NOVEMBER 34;
ARRESTED 24 AUGUST 78
RAUL LOPEZ SPOSITO; BORN 20 SEPTEMBER 30;
ARRESTED 1 SEPTEMBER 78; BANK WORKERS' UNION
EDUARDO HORJALES REBOREDO; BORN 3 APRIL 47;
ARRESTED 11 SEPTEMBER 78
HECTOR BOFFANO RUIZ; BORN 4 NOVEMBER 46;
ARRESTED 24 AUGUST 78

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